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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG
SUBJECT: THE NON-ALIGNED, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND CUBA

REF: A. STATE 055740; B. KABUL 1862 (NOTAL)

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH POLITICAL COUNSELLOR MARCH 8 REGARDING THE RECENT VISIT OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAOUD TO INDIA, MEA JOINT SECRETARY I.P. SINGH DISCUSSED, INTER ALIA, AFGHAN CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE HORN OF AFRICA ISSUE WILL ERUPT AT THE NAM BUREAU MEETING IN KABUL IN MAY. THE AFGHANS, HE SAID, ALSO FEAR THAT IN KABUL SOME MEMBERS MAY RAISE CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE HORN AND TRY TO BLOCK THE HOLDING OF THE 1979 SUMMIT IN HAVANA. SINGH REMARKED THAT THIS IS VERY DISTURBING TO THE AFGHANS, WHO ABOVE ALL WANT THE BUREAU MEETING TO BE NON-CONTROVERSIAL AND TO GO SMOOTHLY.
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2. SINGH SAID THAT AFGHAN CONCERN ABOUT THE HORN LED TO THE INCLUSION IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE PARAGRAPH WHICH EX-PRESSED CONCERN OVER THE CONFLICT IN THE HORN, NOTED THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF THE DISPUTE WOULD INVITE INCREASED GREAT POWER RIVALRY IN THE REGION, AND CALLED FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO BE FOUND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OAU. AS SINGH NOTED,

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NO SUCH MENTION HAS OCCURED IN OTHER RECENT COMMUNIQUES ISSUED IN DELHI. THE AFGHANS, HOWEVER, WERE "SURPRISINGLY NEUTRAL" FOR A MUSLIM COUNTRY ON THE ISSUE ITSELF. ACCORDING TO SINGH, THEY WERE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN NOT HAVING THE ETHIOPIANS CROSS THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER. THIS ATTITUDE MAY BE INFLUENCED BY THE PRESENCE OF THE SOVIETS NEARBY, HE ADDED.

3. IN AN ASIDE ON THE NON-ALIGNED, SINGH MENTIONED THAT SEVERAL NAM COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES (WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) AT THE SYDNEY MEETING HAD QUESTIONED THE PROPRIETY OF HOLDING THE 1979 SUMMIT IN HAVANA IN LIGHT OF THE CUBAN ACTIVITY IN THE HORN.
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